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MIKE WALLACE: It's not often that the U.S. Government hauls a two-star general into court on criminal charges, but that's exactly what the Justice Department has done in the case of retired Air Force Major General Richard Collins, who faces trial on charges of embezzling \$19,000 from a secret Air Force fund. What makes the story even more remarkable is that General Collins is threatening to reveal top military secrets, if necessary, to defend himself in court.

One such secret concerns the purpose of that Air Force fund. Although neither the government nor General Collins will say so, it turns out the fund was set up as part of a contract between the U.S. Air Force and the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation to, in the words of the contract, to bribe foreign officials in the '60s and '70s to assure the success of a clandestine spy flight program. But that's only one of the secrets Collins may be privy to.

Who is General Collins? One man who knew him was Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll, now retired. Carroll worked closely with General Collins in the U.S. European Command Headquarters during the mid-1970s.

REAR ADMIRAL EUGENE CARROLL: He was in charge of all of the most sensitive war plans of the United States of America in Europe.

WALLACE: How sensitive a job?

ADMIRAL CARROLL: It can't get any more sensitive.